(c) is any period fixed in the agreement referred to; if so, what is such period;

(d) what is the estimated income from the transport of such timber early?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) The Anamalais Timber Trust Ltd., have been allowed to transport timber through the State Tramway.

(b) (1) The contractors should transport 7,000 candies of timber in one year in the proportion of 5 of teak and rosewood to 3 of junglewood.

(2) The usual transport charges allowed to private contractors should be paid.

(3) They should remit Rs. 10,000 as security and another Rs. 6,000 as advance against transport charges.

(4) They should pay a levy of 4 annas per candy for transporting the timber through Cochin Forests.

(c) Yes; one year for the present.

(d) Rs. 61,750.

Expenditure—Tramway.

114. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be to state:—

(a) the total capital expenditure on the Tramway;

(b) the area which was estimated to be served by the same;

(c) whether any portion of such area remains to be served; and if so, its extent?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) Rs. 20,67,651.

(b) 128 sq. miles.

(c) Yes. An extent of 38 sq. miles remains to be tapped.

Telephone connections.

115. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state why there are no telephone connections in the Legislative Council office and the Diwan's Bungalow and the date when they will be installed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is a telephone connection in the Diwan's Bungalow. The necessity for one in the Legislative Council office has not been felt.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, am I to understand that the Chief Engineer is to dictate to the interests of the Hon'ble Members here?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question does not arise, Sir.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It does arise,

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President.—I do not see how it does arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Member has put a question whether the Government have any idea to have a telephone connection here. That arises when an Hon'ble Member wants it. So the Government can refuse, that is all.

Anamalais Hills.

116. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the area of the Anamalais Hills, the exploitation of which has been given to the contractor;

(b) is the Government aware that there are no outlets for the transport of that timber except through the Tramway line?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) The exact area of the Hills is not known.

(b) Government are not aware.

117. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has taken into consideration the capital expenditure, the return up-to date, the cost required for future maintenance and the probable loss in the Forest Revenue by flooding this timber in the Cochin market in fixing the transportation charges?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Contractor—Anamalais Hills.

118. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the contractor of the Anamalais Hills is a *bona fide* Cochinite?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government have no information.

Appointments—Judicial Department.

119. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many vacancies of Judicial officers occurred in 1106 and 1107 by retirement or transfer to other departments;

(2) how many of these vacancies were filled up;

(3) who were the persons appointed to the respective posts?

(4) how many of these were appointed direct from the Bar and how many were by promotion from service;

(5) have the legitimate claims of many in the service with long and approved service been overlooked by these appointments from the Bar;

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